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Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment which is in response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, which should place the Application in condition for allowance. A Petition and Fee for One Month Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours.

Phillip E. Miller

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